WEST BAN TAX MONEY? D

WAKE UP!! IT'S YER APOCALYPTIC POST...

Report from the ground on the effects of Israel starving the PA of cash.

Israel are currently

The full force of Israel's withholding of Palestinian to Motasem Aliwaiwi, a Palestinian film-maker from Hebron, who told us how this was affecting Authority (PA) tax money is being felt by Palestinians in the West Bank this week. SchNEWS spoke the society, as well as his views on what the future holds.

Ministry of Education have asked teachers to pack a week's worth of lessons into three days, but kids He said, "The most important impact has been on West Bank schools have closed, as have hospitals and medical centres, and there's no medicine for ill people anyway. still can't take exams they were due to sit. health and education."

week, after the Arab League nations have just agreed (at the time of writing) to give the PA \$100 State employees received no salary for last month, and will receive half their salary on Tuesday next million. As most people spend half their monthly income on paying off bank loans and mortgages, this means the 50 per cent they do get hold of they have to give straight back to the banks. People can' get to work because they don't have the money

Is the point of this to cripple the Palestinian economy? Our correspondent says not: "We don't have an economy anyway... They are just pressuring the PA

and the people so they don't go further, for example for full statehood at the UN. It's the same with check-

wait five or six hours there. It's

points - making us about controlling the

This isn't the first time that Israel has kept Palestinian money with dire consequences. In 2006, the PA was

people.

a whole year after Hamas won vices such as schools were only ner Palestinians offering to pay

starved of money for the election. Vital ser kept afloat by wealtl small salaries to teac

been to tell people to boycott Israeli goods, but it was

quickly pointed out

for anything, Israeli

to him that no-ones got money or Palestinian, as things stand.

The great idea of Head of Ministry Salam Faiyd has

om other Arab countries too.

more inexplicably,

who then give it back to the PA, thanks to a particularly pernicious agreement within the Paris Protocol. This covers all taxes as well as arbitrary charges, such as 30 euros each for anyone crossing the bor-PA tax money currently is collected by Israel,

long the current stand-off is

No-one knows how

GAN THE ORCA

D FOR MO

NO BAIL OUT OF JAIL CAR

Yesterday (13th) at an Amsterdam Court house judges Morgan is a young female orca, who was captured off

delivered their final decision in the case of Morgan.

the coast of the Netherlands in June 2010, taken to a dolphinarium near Amsterdam and was eventually shipped to an amusement park in Tenerife, Spain. The trial began on November the 1st (See SchNEWS 831)

The future seems hopeless for Morgan the Orca.

concerns are about day to day existence: finding food for themselves and their family, getting money to get by. In 2006, people found ways to pull together. In the run up to Eid, when parents want to buy children new clothes and couldn't afford too, shopkeepers would give them what they needed on the basis of an I.O.U. situation's looking bad. For most people living in the West Bank, the most pressing withholding all the PA's funds to punish Palestinians for being granted observer status at the UN. They started two months ago, but just two ty ran out of cash, causing chaos ices and employees who make up a large majority of the Palestinian workforce. To the PA has also lost much of its international support since the vote went in it's favour, and not just from usual suspects like the US but,

for all state-run serv

add insult to injury,

days ago the authori



Stuck for gifts this Christmas? So last year you got your copy of "SchNEWS: in Graphic Detail", but now you just cant think of a fitting gift for your loved ones over the festive period. Well, worry not, hot of the shelves of all the best perfumeries in Gaza comes the latest scent "M-75". It's not named after the latest girl band or a washed up Spice Girl, M75 gets its name from the rocket that the Palestinian armed reoffensive. Whilst the vast majority of missiles one of their primitive rockets was actually able sistance in Gaza fired at Tel Aviv during the last fire during the 8 day conflict were Israeli weapons shot into the Strip (killing over 170 against Israelis killed) Palestinians both inside outside of the beseiged territory rejoiced strike at the Israeli capital

decision made by a Dutch Minister to allow the young

female orca to be transported to Tenerife was law-

Morgan back to the wild. The judges concluded the

The Orca Coalition had filed a lawsuit to return

Morgan has been involved in since her glorious rescue

and was the third in the series of court proceedings

process. The license to transfer Morgan was granted given the stipulation the orca would only be used for

ful and all appropriate legal steps were taken in the

the orca is being trained to perform tricks which goes

against the terms agreed with the license. The court also stated there is not sufficient reason to think the orca's health is in danger; however evidence shows

educational purposes. This is clearly not the case as

The explosive fragrance (made of citrus fruits and herbal essences and sold in 2 oz black-andgreen bottles for \$13 apiece) is the brainchild of one Rajaey Odwan, director of Gaza's Continental Style perfume company, who said that he thought he'd "give customers a chance to 'Sales have gone through the roof', he said. Insmell victory and turn it into a perfume'

deed they have, just like the real thing. (Available in all good underground smugglers' tunnels).

wont sue- all our stuff's Copyleft

have nicked the idea from a graphic of ours (see above) a few years back; but don't worry we

We think that those Gazan entreprenuers may

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SchNEWS warns all readers, if you're reading this then the Mayan apocalypse wasn't the fire and brimstone affair we'd been led to believe-so it's baktun basics for all of us. Honest.

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tection to wild animals as Morgan. Decisions about

disappointed that the legislation gives so little pro-

tions which took legal action for the release of Morpressure to ensure the Dutch authorities enforced adequate protection for cetaceans. "The fact that the license for the care of these animals is no longer in the name of the amusement park Dolfinarium, but in the name of SOS Dolphin, is a good first step." says van Genne. The coalition group in-Idlife conservation organizations Dolphin Motion, EDEV – Een Dier Een Vriend, Bite Back, PINK!, Sea First Foundation, The Black Fish ings the Orca Coalition had been working alongside the Free Morgan Foundation a group of orca scientists and cetacean specialists such as marine biologist ean Field Veterinarian with Sea Shepherd Conservation Society Verne Dove and many others. Their expertise played a vital role in pushing this unprecedented case forward however disappointand Four Paws. Throughout all the court procceding the results have turned out to be. gan and build public Ingrid Visser, Cetac cluded the Dutch wi

website at http://www.orcacoalition.org have expressed their ness and to fight for Parque in Tenerife.

the rehabilitation of these animals should not be left to ld animals and the fate of orcas commercial stakeholders, because of the undermining of the interests of the animal, and there is no question of protection. Luckily we were able to expose this problem thanks to the support of many private supgenerated global attention for in captivity". This ruling sanctions that animal rescue can have an unfortunate end result for wildlife as it and a profitable commodity for Coalition wants to lobby for a distinct separation between organisations that rescue wild animals and organisations that have an interest in keeping animals in captivity. porters, and we have its captors. The Orca then becomes captive the protection of wi

The Orca Coalition is made up of seven organisa-

Morgan is attacked by other orca in the park on top of the injuries is inflicts on herself. The lawsuit was

scientists, orca experts and a host of celebrities from all corners of the world. Since her rescue the orca was

backed by animal rights campaigners, international

Orcas after all are hard to come by. The small print under her rescue plan would have read something like

"As payment for my rescue I will spend a life in servitude, doing tricks at amusement parks in tacky resorts. have any interaction with other sea creatures apart will not object to being part of the captive orca breed-

incorporated into captivity, without any release plans.

I understand I will never swim in the ocean again or

from ones in captivity. I will not incite other orca.

Animal rights groups in Spain cuss what their next course of action will be regarding the young female orca. For updates and latest news please follow on @OrkaCoalitie on Twitter or visit the intent to continue raise awarethe future of the unlucky Orca. The orca coalition plans to get together soon to dis-Morgan will continue to be imprisoned at Loco,

ing programme... and so on". The Orea Coalition tried to give Morgan a fighting

chance against tough odds, marine biologist Barbara van Genne said during an interview "We are extreme-

Free/Donation

Friday 21st December 2012

Anti-road protestors in Bexhill were link road this week, but they d a week of constant direct action has put a spanner in the works. Work wasn't expected to begin until ambushed by an early start to the tree-felling on the controversial Bexhilland Hastings I rallied an

early January but as soon as East Sussex County Council acquired the land

(by compulsory purchase) the chain-saw gangs were set to work.

On Thursday evening information was received that tree felling in Combe Valley was to begin on the route of the Bexhill-Hasting link road early Friday morning. As contractors with machinery moved into woodland near Adams ery moved into woodland near Adams Farm, south of Crowhurst early on Friday morning they were greeted by tree bound activists and locals who had been occupying the area since dawn. Contractors and security soon realized there would be no felling, with a early lunch called shortly after activists got in the way of brush cutters attempting to clear access to trees.

Saturday saw a large number of trees felled in a the disused railway cutting in the suburbs of Bexhill before activists (reinforced by a landy full of stray hunt sabs) climbed over the bridge and forced contractors to stop cutting. The protesters refused to leave after warnings from High Court bailiffs and followed the contractors to their mext farmer.

get – a stand of trees to the east, which was already being occupied by a couple of enterprising locals who'd shinned up one iree with a ladder. Flummoxed, the chainsaw boys put their toys back in the van and called it a day.

With trees already falling, people once again gathered on Sunday in Bexhill and in Crowhurst at Adams Farm. Work was stopped in Bexhill with people once again entering the site. But large area of trees were able to be felled before contractors packed up and left for their compound. Contractors attempted to continue their reign of destruction, showing up at Adams Farm once again. This time activists ly locking on under a pick-up truck with two pairs of hand cuffs, blocking the site's only access point and causing the other vehicles to reverse in fear of of destruction, showing up at Adams Farm once again. This time activists were in waiting with one person quicksame fate.

Sunday forty people turned up to a public meeting in the hamlet of Crow-

hurst about the plan for the bypass. One potential ray of light was the announcement of a new legal challenge by BLINKRR (Bexhill Link Road

Resistance) — who claim that the new road is on the actual site of the Battle of Hastings and are aiming to get the whole area re-classified as a World Heritage Site.

On Monday 17th, resistance continued along the route today with four arrests being made as bailiffs dragged local protesters out of the trees.

trees Bexhill-Hastings by-pass has continued; with locals and activists on the ground Action to stop the felling of ong the route of the proposed Il-Hastings by-pass has contir along the route hill-Hastings 1

preventing work.

Tuesday saw locals occupy the disused railway track in Bexhill where treecutting was taking place, work was halted and security guards moved in pushing and shoving, with reports of the private security firm Sher Group dragging people from trees, the same firm who have profited from evictions of squats in Brighton and the parliament square peace camp.

On Wednesday trees in the valley continued to be felled with activists blocking felling where possible.

Rising early on Thursday two defenders were able to take position in a tree overhanging the proposed route of the road, well supplied they set up cover and ropes, greeting suprised chainsaw gangs as they arrived in the area ready for work. Support from locals and activists from across the coun-

program is to be haulted. If you can, travel down for a day or more, accotry is rising, however more people are needed everyday if the road, first of the modation, support and grear is avaliable. Contact Combe Haven Defenders governments resorected road building for updates from the ground www.combehavendefenders.word-

tel:07926423033

SchNEWS has kindly included several maps of the Combe Haven site to help direct action explorers navigate their way around the area. Make sure to take one with you when you get o take one with you when you own there, but most importantly-Get yourselves down there! (see pages 2 & 3) to take one down there, l

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himself busted for being a elite prole-hating piece of Tory scum- having been accused by the police of calling two officers "fucking plebs" after they refused to let him through the gate they were guarding (we think the scandal should have been ess statement to ensure that the police ersion of events is believed. That's right, ou heard it here: the cops stand accused of nave to come down on one side or the othtand to mind, as does the Greek "noting ops vs riot cops" hoo-ha we reported on cused in turn of having fabricated a wit-ness statement to ensure that the police his puts SchNEWS in mind of various ther "scum on scum" battles we've wit-lessed in the past; the ones that leave us bitchfights 3ut for us, not even "Alien vs Predator" heering on the sidelines and hoping that called "Gategate" but that's a another mat-But now a copper has been arrested acant snobs or the police as two faced liars. giving. For months now the papers have been full of stories of (now ex) Conservative Chief Whip Andrew Mitchell getting is the story that just keeps on **ARREST OF THE WEEK** all over the mainstream news, oth sides lose. Tommy Robinson lick' Griffin's intra-fascist bitchf Homeless Get 6 months free board at her majesty's pleasure. Nick' Griffin's intra-fascist bit stand to mind, as does the Greek empty house to live in* help rich people, now eing corrupt lying scum. "I thought the state was only there to *To get a faster service give Mike Weatherley a call ...when you find an I know different" while back. 'Plebgate" MHM Gover (er) **Issue 833**

an beat the infamous 2004 ding-dong that intended countryside Alliance inbreds against Sritish riot police thugs outside Parliament quare- for our money still the best monent of enemy-on-enemy action. CONTINUED ON PAGE

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